

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 22 and 23 are amended to further distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references, specifically Tian.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Support for the language added to claims 1, 22 and 23 can be found, for example, on page 11, lines 8-15 of the specification.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2-4, 8-16 and 18 are allowable.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

A. Claims 1, 6-7, 19 and 22-23

Claims 1, 6-7, 19 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0001666 (hereinafter "Tian") and U.S. Patent No. 5,547,705 (hereinafter "Fukuzawa"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Patent Office alleges that Tian teaches that wavelengths of the light set are in a region in the vicinity of resonance on the longer wavelength side in the absorption spectrum of the organic film as recited in claims 1, 22 and 23. The Patent Office cites paragraphs 66-67 of Tian for such teaching. However, Tian does not teach or suggest that the wavelengths have an absorbance of not more than 0.3 as now recited in claims 1, 22 and 23.

Furthermore, Fukuzawa does not remedy the deficiencies of Tian. In particular, Fukuzawa does not teach or suggest that wavelengths of the light set are in a spectral region on the longer wavelength side in the absorption spectrum of the organic film where the absorbance is not more than 0.3 as recited in claim 1, 22 and 23.

For the forgoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Tian and Fukuzawa, either in combination or alone, do not teach or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1,

22 and 23. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1, 6-7, 19 and 22-23 are allowable.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

B. Claims 5, 13 and 17

Claims 5, 13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Tian and Fukuzawa, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,314,215 (hereinafter "Shay"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shay does not remedy the deficiencies of Tian and Fukuzawa. In particular, Shay also does not teach or suggest that wavelengths of the light set are in a spectral region on the longer wavelength side in the absorption spectrum of the organic film where the absorbance is not more than 0.3 as recited in claim 1, from which claims 5, 13 and 17 depend.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 5, 13 and 17 are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

C. Claims 20 and 21

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Tian and Fukuzawa, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035972 (hereinafter "Hanson"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hanson does not remedy the deficiencies of Tian and Fukuzawa. In particular, Hanson also does not teach or suggest that wavelengths of the light set are in a spectral region on the longer wavelength side in the absorption spectrum of the organic film where the absorbance is not more than 0.3 as recited in claim 1, from which claims 20 and 21 depend.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 20 and 21 are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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